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Language lesson: Please, thank you, your welcome

**Please**

1. How do you say “Please” in your host culture?

To say please you would say “Qing gei wo” which literally means please give me.

1. Are there any other ways to say “Please”? When are they used? List them here:

Other ways to say please are “Qing gei wo zhege” which is for an object nearby and “Qing gei won age” for something further way. You would use these for something nearby or further away. The “zhege” means this and the “nage” means that therefore being used for near or far.

3. Are there any special situations where the word or phrase for “Please” can be used? (hint: check for “Quick Tips”)

Some special situations where the phrase can be used is if you are at a super market or store and you need to haggle over the price of an object with the salesman. Goods are usually priced much higher than their worth or the price that the vender would actually be willing to sell it for.

**Thank you**

1. What is the expression for “Thank you.” In your host culture?

Thank you in Chinese is: “xie xie” or “xie xie ni”. The formal way to say thank you is “Xie xie nin”.

2. Name at least three situations where you should respond with “Thank you” in your host

culture:

1. If you needed to ask directions and someone helped you, you would respond “Xie xie nin.”
2. When you drop something and someone picks it up for you, you could also say thank you.
3. If someone gives you a gift, you could say thank you as well.

3. Are there any other special expressions for special situations? What are they? For

example, are there sometimes when you need to be more respectful? Does it depend

upon whether you know the person or not?

To say thank you formally you would say “Xie xie nin.” It does depend on whether you know the person or not because if you are speaking to someone informally you would simply say “Xie xie” or “Xie Xie ni.”

4. How do you express a degree of thankfulness in your host culture (for example, “Thank

you very much!)?

To say thank you very much in Chinese you would say, “Duo Xie.”

**You’re welcome**

1. Is there a universal (appropriate for all situations) way to say “You’re welcome!” in your host country? What is it?

There are three ways to say thank you but the general one is, “Bu Yong xie.”

What are some of the situations where you can use it? (hint: check “Quick Tips”)

Some situations are if someone thanks you, you would just say “Bu Yong xie” (you’re welcome) or “Mei shi” (It’s nothing)

1. Is there a more formal way to say “You’re welcome!” in your host country? What is it?

There are different ways to say you’re welcome but no one specific formal way.

1. What are any other ways to say “You’re welcome!”?

The ways to say you’re welcome are “Bu Yong xie”, “Bu keqi”, or “Mei Shi.”